

PLANNING TO STOP GOLD EXPORTATION.

Private Bankers Have a Conference at the Office of J. Pierpont Morgan.

Rumored Formation of a Big Pool by the Prominent Houses Represented.

May Sell Exchange Short in Anticipation of the Prospective Cotton Bills.

TO UTILIZE OUR EUROPEAN CREDIT.

Yellow Metal Pledged by the National Banks Already Begins to Pour into the Sub-Treasury.

The scheme of the bankers to prevent the depletion of Uncle Sam's gold reserve and at the same time help "jack up" the stock market has already broadened. J. Pierpont Morgan took a hand yesterday.

tiful the latter part of August. The exports of cotton during 1896 have been 4,441,185 bales, at an average price of about \$10 per bale. Of this number 2,220,603 bales have been exported to Great Britain, 405,153 to France, and 1,776,000 to other countries of Continental Europe. The aggregate value of the entire exportations for this year, based on these figures, is about \$175,000,000. A proportion of this amount has already been paid, but large amounts of exchange, representing these exports, will become due during August and September.

A PROSPECTIVE OFFSET. Another source of exchange which will offset gold exports within a short time will be derived from the heavy shipments of grain during May and June. It is estimated that about 17,000,000 bushels of wheat were exported during this time, payable in sixty days. As the average price obtained for the wheat was 95 cents per bushel, there will be due during the latter part of this month and first part of August fully \$11,000,000 in grain bills applicable to exchange sold here for Europe.

The bankers, therefore, will sell exchange short under the plan proposed, and will expect the cotton and grain bills, together with exports of merchandise, to cover the amount of exchange sold. In case the national balance of trade does not meet the full amount of exchange sold, gold will have to be shipped at a later date to make good the deficiency. The Wall Street men recognize that a hard issue would not be "expedited" at the present time. A hard fact to meet at this time and in this connection, is the willingness of Berlin bankers to pay a premium for gold. They do not want exchange, but they do want gold, which can be obtained cheaper here than in either London or Paris. This gold is desired for Russia. Can the bankers prevent gold going out, when a premium is offered for it on the other side, without regard to natural trade conditions? That is a question which the future will answer. The gold pledged by the national banks

HONEYMOON LASTED ONLY ELEVEN MINUTES.

At the End of That Time the Groom Was Taken to Prison.

Knew the Step She Was Taking and Was Married Immediately After His Sentence.

HAD BEEN LOVERS IN CHILDHOOD.

Pretty Hulda Baumgarten Is Only Twenty, but She Believes Jacob Wagner Was Forced to Steal, and Is Content to Await His Release.

One of the shortest honeymoons on record was that of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Wagner. The bride, who was Miss Hulda Baumgarten, became Mrs. Wagner at 4:20 p. m. yesterday. After the ceremony she sat on a wooden bench, with one arm about the groom's neck, for exactly eleven minutes.

At the end of that time handcuffs were placed upon the wrists of the young husband. The bride brushed away the tears

HOPE BOOTH ARRESTED.

"Ten Minutes in the Latin Quarter" Leads to Ten Minutes in Jefferson Market Court.

John W. Hamilton, manager of the Casino and American roof gardens, and Hope Booth were arrested yesterday afternoon by Police Inspector Harkey.

Miss Booth appeared at the American roof garden Monday and Tuesday nights in a pantomime sketch entitled "Ten Minutes in the Latin Quarter." Inspector Harkey's attention was drawn to the sketch by printed criticisms. Tuesday night, in company with a trusty aid, he visited the roof garden, received his shock and went away to meditate over it. He sought the Penal Code, and under section 383, embracing "Public Nuisances," he found a subdivision which embraces those who "offend public decency."

Magistrate Denel, of Jefferson Market Court, issued warrants, and Mr. Hamilton was arrested. Accompanied by George W. Lederer and Charles F. Gall, the Inspector and his prisoner drove to Jefferson Market Court, stopping on the way to arrest Miss Booth. In court Miss Booth told the clerk she was twenty-three years old and a native of Canada. Lawyer Marcus Meyer demanded an examination, and Magistrate Denel set the hearing for 3 o'clock this afternoon. The prisoners were paroled in the custody of their counsel. Miss Booth vehemently denounced her arrest after leaving court.

The defense will be that there is nothing indecent in the sketch.

Amusement Notes.

Erna Kendall, for several years a popular of the academy, convened to-day a general

HAZED HIM TILL HIS TOES ACHED.

West Point Cadets Made a "Plebe" Hold One Leg Out Straight.

Cadet Rand, on Trial, Objected to One of the Officers Acting as His Judge.

HAZED PLEBE WILL TELL NO TALES.

Harris Refused to Give Any Names in Spite of the Rigid Questioning—Great Array of Military Experts on the Bench.

West Point, N. Y., July 22.—Cadet Elliott H. Rand, a handsome, soldierly young man from New Jersey, and Cadet George Bishop, from Connecticut, are prisoners in Camp Hooker, accused of compelling Plebe Carl Joseph Harris, a stalwart, broad-shouldered Missourian to stand on the toes of one foot, holding the other foot raised and extended until he was exhausted.

Colonel Oswald Hearst, superintendent

court-martial composed of the ranking officers at the post for the trial of the two men. Cadet Rand pleaded not guilty to the charges, and his trial will be ended, tomorrow. Bishop will be called upon to plead to-morrow. The court-martial which met to-day is the most important that has ever assembled at the military academy and is headed by Lieutenant-Colonel Mills.

Cadet Rand created a sensation by objecting to Captain Bruff sitting as a member of this court-martial, and saying: "I believe that he is already prejudiced against my case."

It is a most unusual thing for a cadet to object to an officer appointed to try him, but Colonel Mills announced that the objection of Cadet Rand to Captain Bruff serving was not sustained.

Harris when told by the Judge Advocate to state just what happened to him last Sunday afternoon said: "After the battalion was dismissed, on return from dinner Cadet Bishop approached me and said, 'Mr. Harris, did you dig your toes marching from dinner?' I made him no reply. Then he said, 'Report to me in my tent at once.' I did so. Mr. Neely, of my class, was there when I arrived. I was obliged to stand on the toes of my right foot, balancing myself with my left, which was raised quite high and extended. I stood on one foot as long as I could, then I lay down. I only recollect recognizing Cadet Rand's voice when he asked me why I changed my position."

"Will you not to the best of your knowledge say what man ordered you to stand on your toes?" asked Judge Advocate Dyer.

"I do not wish to implicate any man unless absolutely certain he was there. My mind after and during the exercise was not very clear, and I do not wish to say further than what I have already said."

No amount of questioning could sway the plebe. He was then asked if any one had attempted to influence his testimony. His reply caused all the officers to smile. "Several cadets," he said, "whose names I do not know have approached me and warned me to testify before this court-martial to facts and to facts alone."

LIE PASSED IN COURT.

In Supplementary Proceedings Against Edward Earle Blackmail Is Charged.

Edward Earle, the well-known clubman, coffin leader and real estate speculator, was examined again in supplementary proceedings in the City Court yesterday at 2 o'clock under a judgment of \$855.02 for rent of a room in the Palladium apartment house, at No. 325 West Fifty-sixth street, held against him and his wife, Marie Chatterton Earle, by John A. Dempsey, as assignee of Guy C. Dempsey.

Clara Noble Earle, the judgment debtor's first wife, obtained a divorce from him because of his residence in the apartment, and immediately thereafter Earle became the husband of Mrs. Chatterton.

When his examination began Earle demanded that newspaper men be excluded. Lawyer Dempsey said he had no power to grant this demand, and added that he wouldn't if he had. Mrs. Chatterton-Earle sat beside her husband throughout his ordeal.

William Leavitt, dealer in California wines at No. 533 Broadway, testified that he had known the judgment debtor for twenty years in a friendly way. He had loaned sums of money to Earle, the total amount of which he refused to state, but he never lent any to Mrs. Earle.

In answer to Lawyer Dempsey's question Earle said he had not belonged to any club for six years. He paid \$1 a day for his room at the Barrett House and his other expenses for his wife and himself amounted to about \$2 a day.

Finally Earle said angrily: "I am ready to answer anything as to my assets or expenses, truthfully and fully, but that is all."

"The whole suit was brought as a blackmailing scheme," said Lawyer Walcott, Earle's counsel.

"That's an untruth," Dempsey retorted, "and if there were not a lady present I would speak more strongly."

Asked by the judge to explain his statement, Walcott promised to do so personally. "On account of a statement made some time ago in your office," he added, "I won't retract my statement."

Later Walcott admitted that Dempsey had not read the statement to which he alluded and the examination was adjourned to 2 o'clock on the afternoon of August 5.

CAUGHT BY HER HAIR IN THE FLOOD GATES.

Thrilling Rescue of Jennie Rankin by Her Father at Huntington Harbor.

With His Wife and Child the Ex-County Clerk Went Boating on a Mill Pond.

CARRIED THROUGH THE SLUICeway.

Boat Upset and Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Seized Hold of the Bridge—Their Daughter Not So Fortunate, but She Was Saved at the Gates.

Huntington, L. I., July 22.—John Rankin, ex-County Clerk of Kings County, his wife and his daughter Jennie, aged thirteen, who are summering at Edgewater, a summer boarding house situated at Huntington Harbor, had an exciting experience while boating last night, which nearly ended in the drowning of the daughter.

Mr. Rankin took his wife and daughter out rowing last evening after dinner. They rowed for some time in the vicinity of the mill dam. Then Mr. Rankin allowed the boat to drift with the tide. There is a mill pond on the other side of the dam, and the party knew nothing about the flood gates, by means of which the pond is supplied with water. Through the dam to the flood gates is a long stone sluiceway, and overhead is a bridge which is used by pedestrians in crossing the dam.

The locality is dangerous, the water rushing through the sluiceway at a great rate of speed. The boat was drifting in the direction of the mill race, when Mrs. Rankin became alarmed on account of the sound made by the rushing of the water. Rankin picked up the oars and started to row away from the dam, but the bow of the boat had reached the sluiceway, and despite Mr. Rankin's efforts to get it out of the dangerous place it was swept under the bridge in the direction of the gates.

Mr. Rankin at once saw the danger of being upset, and told his wife and child to catch hold of the bridge when they came up to it, as he saw in it the only way to safety.

When the boat struck the bridge it was overturned, and Mr. Rankin, his wife and daughter were thrown into the water. Mr. Rankin and his wife caught the bridge, but Jennie missed it and was swept under the bridge. Rankin, after seeing that his wife was in a position where she could hold for some time, went to the rescue of his daughter. He found the girl at the gates, her head partly under water. She had been caught in the woodwork of the gates. Mr. Rankin is an expert swimmer, and saw that quick action was necessary to save his child. Tearing her hair, he succeeded in freeing the girl, and he was swept into the millpond with her. He kept hold of Jennie, who was half unconscious, and managed to get out of the sluiceway, and with the half-drowned child reached the shore. She was laid on the ground, while Mr. Rankin went to the rescue of his wife, and then they were taken to the boarding house. The girl was revived after some hard work.

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MEETING OF PRIVATE BANKERS IN J. PIERPONT MORGAN'S OFFICE.

Representatives of the leading concerns of the city conferred yesterday in regard to stopping the exportations of gold to Europe. It is understood the plan proposed was to sell exchange short to be covered by the bills drawn against the exports of cotton and grain, utilizing our European credit. It was rumored that the pool was ready to dispose in this way of about \$5,000,000.

day, and at a conference held in his office with representatives of the foreign banking houses steps were taken to prevent, if possible, the exporting of gold.

Among the houses represented were: Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., represented by Ernest Thalmann; Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co., represented by Henry R. Ickelheimer; L. von Hoffman & Co., represented by Messrs. Thieriot and Wood; Lazard Freres, represented by E. Meyer; August Belmont & Co., represented by A. Lutzgen; Kuhn, Loeb & Co., represented by Jacob H. Schiff; Brown Brothers & Co., by John Crosby Brown; W. H. Crossman & Brother, by G. W. Crossman; John A. McCall, of the New York Life Insurance Company, and Philip Fisk, of Harvey Fisk & Sons, were also present.

The conference lasted fully two hours. It is understood that all the ground was canvassed and plans discussed by which gold exports could be stopped, at least for the present. It was rumored that a pool representing \$5,000,000 had been formed by which the various houses would sell exchange short without shipping gold against it.

This would mean that the firms in the pool would secure credit on the other side sufficient to carry the bills of exchange sold here for Europe until such time as the cotton bills from the present exportation of cotton came into the market. The easiest way to accomplish this would be to issue bills on sixty days' demand, give these discounts in European money centers and sell sight bills against them.

BANKERS UNCOMMUNICATIVE. None of the bankers attending the conference was willing to make known the full details. It was understood that the exports of gold should cease, if possible, but that no fixed sum had been set to which exchange could be sold by the bankers in the agreement. That \$5,000,000 is ample to provide for possible exports before the cotton bills begin to mature in August was the opinion of the majority of the bankers.

The only official statement concerning the conference was issued by J. Pierpont Morgan at about 2 o'clock. It was as follows:

An informal meeting was held to-day at the office of Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., of foreign bankers, who met to consider what could be done to prevent or diminish gold exports or in any other way within their power assist in the maintenance of the gold reserves, supplemental to the action of the banks in putting their gold at the disposal of the Treasury.

The following committee was appointed to whom the whole subject was referred to formulate a plan: Chairman, John Crosby Brown, of Messrs. Brown Brothers & Co.; A. Lutzgen, of Messrs. August Belmont & Co.; Jacob H. Schiff, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; William Solomon, of Speyer & Co.; E. Meyer, of Lazard Freres; H. Ickelheimer, of Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. Cotton bills are expected to become plentiful

begin to pour into the Sub-Treasury yesterday. President Tappen, of the Gallatin National Bank, and Manager Sherer, of the Clearing House Association, worked as hard as usual in an effort to secure other subscriptions. Mr. Tappen said that \$16,000,000 would be turned in during the next few days, and that promises had been made contingent upon the approval of the Board of Directors to raise the sum total to over \$20,000,000.

Of the amount pledged \$7,500,000 was deposited yesterday. The Sub-Treasury remained open until 2 o'clock to receive deposits. The known deposits made are as follows: National Bank, \$1,000,000; Gallatin National Bank, \$400,000; Leather Manufacturers' National Bank, \$50,000; National Park Bank, \$1,000,000; Mechanics' National Bank, \$400,000; Bank of New York, \$500,000; City National Bank, \$2,000,000; and Merchants' National Bank, \$350,000.

The Sub-Treasury yesterday lost \$2,000,000 in gold for export to Europe to-day. Of this amount L. von Hoffman & Co. took \$200,000; Lazard Freres, \$500,000; Kuhn, Loeb & Co. \$750,000 and Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. \$250,000. Of this \$750,000 was in gold taken from the Assay Office. Canadian banks withdrew \$200,000 gold for shipment to Canada.

Boston, Mass., July 22.—President T. B. Beal, of the Second National Bank, is attempting to secure relief here for the United States Treasury. His intention is to raise \$2,000,000 in gold, which sum represents about one-third of the gold in the banks of the city. He is making a success and hopes to have the full sum by Thursday.

President Beal was asked over the telephone by President Tappen, of the Gallatin National Bank, of New York, yesterday, if he would do what he could to get the Boston banks to subscribe some of their gold. The banks showed no apprehension at the situation, but came forward promptly to sign the paper. There was no general conference of bank officials in regard to the matter, although Beal had a talk with several representatives of the Clearing House early in the afternoon.

Washington, July 22.—The Treasury gold reserve at the close of business to-day had declined to \$86,839,528. The day's withdrawals were \$2,776,000, of which \$2,012,000 was for export.

MADE A BONFIRE OF CLOTHES.

William Reilly, Who Wanted to Kill His Wife and Wrecked a Home, Sent to the Island.

William Reilly, a brick handler, of No. 539 West Fifty-fifth street, on Tuesday night proclaimed that he was going to kill his wife. She fled to some neighbors and Reilly burned up all of the family clothing that he could find.

"Do you think you can get along without him for a while?" Magistrate Simms asked Mrs. Reilly yesterday morning in Yorkville Court.

"I think I'd better," the woman said.

"Three months at the Workhouse."

from her dark eyes, and then smiled bravely as she kissed her husband upon the lips. Then he was led away, and it will be three years before the honeymoon can be resumed.

There is a pretty little romance back of the story of this wedding. It shows that there are some girls who will cling to their sweethearts in spite of all adversity. Hulda Baumgarten is one of those girls, for when she heard that her lover had been condemned to a term of nearly four years' imprisonment she listened to his side and begged him to make her his wife.

"I want you to know, dear," she said, simply, "that a loving wife waits for your home-coming." And he offered no further objections.

LITTLE WOMAN WITH BIG HEART.

Mrs. Wagner is only twenty ears of age. She is unusually attractive; small, with dark eyes and hair and a peculiarly fair complexion. She was born in Blingen—famous old Blingen-on-the-Rhine—and she and Wagner were playmates, although he is seven years her senior.

He came to this country with his parents ten years ago, and she, with her family, four years later. It chanced that the two families became near neighbors in this city, and Jacob was soon looked upon as Hulda's sweetheart.

A year ago they became formally betrothed, and a wedding this Spring was anticipated. Then ill-fortune came to them. For Jacob lost his employment. Soon after that his father died, and a marriage under such conditions was impossible. He had always, so far as is known, been honest up to that time, but on the morning of July 10 last, with starvation for himself and mother staring him in the face, he entered a house at No. 79 Avenue C, stole a gold watch and chain and was speedily captured. Yesterday afternoon he was arraigned before Recorder Geff, and pleading guilty, was sentenced to three years and nine months' imprisonment in Sing Sing.

His sweetheart must have had a friend in court, for Wagner had hardly been taken back to the Tombs, before a cab stopped at the prison and Hulda alighted.

TEARS IN THE BRIDE'S EYES.

She was crying when she told Warden Van de Carr that she wished to marry her convicted lover, but she was determined and Wagner was summoned. They talked earnestly together for several minutes, and finally the girl asked the Warden if he would not send for a clergyman.

Ten minutes later the Rev. Dr. A. K. Sanford, of the People's Church, reached the Tombs. The bride, who wore a white sailor hat, a blue checked shirt waist, a blue serge skirt and had a bunch of sweet peas at her belt, took Wagner's hand and led him, stumbling an obstinate, to the ante-room of the prison corridor. There, in the presence of three ladies and several gentlemen, Dr. Sanford made them man and wife. No ring was used, but when the last words were said the groom bent down and kissed the little woman in the face. And she returned the kiss with a place in his hand upon her shoulder, and sobbed silently for full minutes.

What then led him a way, on his journey to Sing Sing, the last it was heard of, "I'll wait for you, dear."

face-comely star, will make his vaudeville debut soon at Preetor's Pleasure Palace.

Elvarete, a European dancer, will appear at the Grand Central Palace Roof Garden on Monday. She carries her own staff of assistants and electric light outfit.

Albert Bial started on a four weeks' vacation yesterday. He will visit the Thousand Islands, returning in time for the regular opening of his Music Hall, August 17.

Herrmann, the Great, will open his season at Hyde & Beaman's Newark Theatre on August 11, and will be at the Harlem Opera House for a week beginning September 7.

The new entrance to Preetor's Pleasure Palace will be opened on Saturday. It forms an arcade between Third avenue and Fifty-eighth street, and will be lit with booths.

"The Hand of Destiny" is the name Charles Frohman has selected for the melodrama, "Deux Femmes" now running at the Ambigu in Paris. It will be seen at the Academy of Music in November.

Joseph Brooks and Henry Guy Carleton visited E. M. and Joseph Holland at Quisset, Cape Cod, last week for the final reading of "Two Men of Business," which will be produced at McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, early in October.

Miner & Brooks yesterday engaged Eddie Shannon for leading lady of their new dramatic company. Her first appearance under their management will be in "Flower Moths," the new play by Franklin Tyler and Eugene Presbury. It will be seen here about November 1.

"Don't forget" will repeat the Garrick Theatre August 17. A novelty will be introduced in the racing scene, and Seafores, Fritz Williams and Joseph Humphreys will introduce a new song, called "Keep the Baby Warm, Mother." It was written by George Grossmith and presented by him to Mr. Frohman.

Barney Reynolds's friends will give him a benefit at the Garden Theatre on July 30. A. M. Palmer has offered the house free for the occasion, and a number of well-known artists have tendered their services. Among them are Marie Jansen, Bobby Gaylor, Andrew Mack, Walter Jones, Miss Hobart, a niece of Vice-President Candidate Garret A. Hobart, who will appear in a sketch with L. O. Lawrence; George and the de Marvel; Willis Avenham; Bernard Dyllin; Al. Wilson; Freeman and West; William Shepard and Louis Wesley. Mr. Reynolds has the right to the eye, and is about to have an operation performed.

LA GRANGE ESCAPED TROUBLE.

Fire Commissioners Thought Him Not to Blame in the Coal Weighing.

At yesterday's meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, the inquiry into the methods of weighing coal showed that coal had not been weighed in accordance with the rules of the department. It was also shown that it had been impossible for the weighmaster, who is a brother of President La Grange, to do the work in exact conformity with the rules.

The board settled the matter by unanimously adopting a set of new regulations.

The case of Superintendent Smith, of the Electrical Department, who was suspended several months ago, pending trial on grave charges, came unexpectedly to the front through a resolution of President La Grange, that the attorneys of both sides and the superintendent himself be requested to be present this afternoon at 2 o'clock, to begin the trial, or at least to arrange for its beginning within a very few days.

Two electrical experts from neighboring cities will be present this afternoon, and it is expected that their evidence will be taken, even if the trial does not formally begin.



Miss Hope Booth.

She was arrested yesterday with Manager Hamilton, charged with a too generous display of her form in a sketch called "Ten Minutes in the Latin Quarter." As Denise Stanton's coat of brown paint was deemed seemingly so indelicately claims that her appearance in silk tights should not be condemned as unseemly.

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